VI. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Thirty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association, Thane, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-253/96]

**Notification of the Ministry of Food**

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Food Notification G.S.R. No. 209(E) dated the 14th May, 1996 publishing the Sugar (Price Determination for 1995-96 Production) Amendment Order, 1996. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-365/96]

**I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Tobacco Board, Guntur and related papers.**

**II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta and related papers.**

**III. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of section 22 and sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Tobacco Board, Guntur, for the year 1994-95 together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-192/96]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta, for the year 1994-95.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta, for the year 1994-95, and the Auditors' Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-288/96]

III. (a) Thirty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-193/96]

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): There will be a statement by the External Affairs Minister at 5 p.m. on CTBT. This is for the information of hon. Members.

**RE: GOOD WISHES TO MOTHER TERESA FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HER ILLNESS.**

SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I thank you for having granted me this opportunity of wishing one of our very great souls who has become a history during her own lifetime, a very happy birthday.

Mother Teresa, a living saint and an embodiment of all that is good in human life, celebrates her 86th birthday today. As a noble person who has tirelessly fought against poverty and hatred, she has won the lover and affection of the entire country irrespective of caste, creed and religion. We are really sad that she has been hospitalised for some illness and her health has become a cause of anxiety for the entire nation. On behalf of the Members of this House and, with your permission, I would like to wish herd happy birthday and also pray for her early recovery. We wish her a long life and good health.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I just want to associate myself with my colleague, Mr. Peter Alphonse, to say that Mother Teresa is a beloved person, a person of peace and of love for her fellow human beings. We are all worried that she is seriously ill and is in the hospital. On the occasion of her birthday, we would like to convey our good wishes to her and pray for her speedy recovery.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Kindly make an announcemnet from the chair...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): I also join the hon. Members in wishing her a happy birthday today. I also pray to God on behalf of all the hon. Members for her speedy recovery. She is a great soul who has served humanity, especially the poorer sections of the people.

Now we will take up the death of pilgrims to Amarnath Yatra...(*Interruptions*)... Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra...(*Interruptions*)...Mr. Ahluwalia, you are third. Mr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra gave notice prior to you. The second speaker is Shri Shiv Charan Singh...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): I had given the notice first...(*Interruption*)...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): We were informed by the Chairman that a statement will be made by the hon. Minister and thereafter we could speak. That is what we understood. That is why I did not give my name...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN:(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): I will include your name...(*Interruption*)...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: All of us have been under this impression. The Chairman said that a statement will be made by the Ministger and thereafter, we could seek clarifications. We are all waiting for the Minister...(*Interruption*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): The Chairman allowed hon. Members to raise the issue in the House during the Zero Hour. Those who have not given their names can give them now. They can also associate theselves. Mr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, please be brief. There are nine Members who want to speak.

**REFERENCE TO THE DEATH OF PILGRIMS OF AMARNATH YATRA**

**प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा** (दिल्ली): उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं जब बोलने के लिए खडा होता हं तो आप दो